UNITED STATES "TWO CENT REDS"

1901 to 1932

A DISPLAY OF THE COMMEMORATIVE TWO CENT RED STAMPS AND COVERS, BEGINNING IN 1901 WITH THE ISSUE FOR THE PAN AMERICAN EXPOSITION AND ENDING WITH THE ARBOR DAY STAMP IN 1932. THEN THE RATE INCREASED TO THREE CENTS AND THE COLOR CHANGED TO PURPLE!

THE RATE HAD CHANGED BRIEFLY TO THREE CENTS WITH THE VICTORY ISSUE IN 1919, BUT WAS ADJUSTED BACK TO TWO CENTS JUST IN TIME FOR STAMPS ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE EVENTS AND PEOPLE FROM REVOLUTIONARY TIMES. ALL OF THESE FIRST CLASS STAMPS WERE RED IN COLOR AND ARE INEXPENSIVE AND EXTREMELY POLULAR.

ON THE NEXT 31 PAGES ARE SHOWN ALL OF THESE STAMPS IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT FORMATS, ALONG WITH AN ENVELOPE USING THE STAMP. MOST OF THESE ENVELOPES WILL BE DATED ON THE DAY OF ISSUE OF THE STAMP AND ARE THUS CALLED "FIRST-DAY COVERS".